Marlboro Country Nights

DANCE SHOWDOWN '94 OFFICIAL RULES

1. Contestants must be 21 years of age or older.
2. Contestants must enter as a couple. Couples will compete in groups of three (3) or six (6) couples (at discretion of club).
3. Participation limited to 12 couples per week, first come first serve, for 4 weeks. The club finals will take place during the fifth week.
4. Contestants must be present at the club one hour before the contest begins. Order of appearance will be determined by contestants drawing numbers.
5. The assigned number for each couple will appear on the vest/bib which will be worn by each individual contestant.
6. Each couple will be required to dance three (3) dances: a two-step, a swing and a *tush push*. The line-dance *(tush push)* will be performed as a group consisting of all contestants.
7. Each group of couples will dance to 2 pre-chosen songs for the two-step and the swing. All 24 contestants will dance to 2 complete *tush push* songs.
8. After all contestants have performed, a break will be taken to tally the scores. All contestants must remain in the club until the winners are announced and prizes are awarded.
9. Contestants will be judged on precision, *accuracy of dance step, showmanship and* sportsmanship. The judges will use a scale of 1 to 10 in each category. The highest total points will determine the winning couple. In the event of a tie score, the winners will be chosen based on the highest score from the two-step.
10. Dance instructors and professional dancers may not compete in this contest. No contestant may currently be employed as a dance instructor, either in a club or a dance studio. If it is found that dance instructors have competed, they will be disqualified, and if necessary, their prizes will be awarded to the 1st runner-up, the 1st runner-up prizes will be awarded to the 2nd runner-up, and the 2nd runner-up prizes will be awarded to the alternate couple.
11. Contestants must be available to travel on weekdays to regional and national finals if awarded first prize. Prior to travel, contestants must sign a publicity/ liability release or an alternate winner will be selected.

PRIZES

Club Finalists:

1st Place	$500 Cash (Per Couple)
2nd Place	$250 Cash (Per Couple)
3rd Place	$100 Cash (Per Couple)

Regional Finalists:

1st Place	$1,500 Cash (Per Couple)
2nd Place	$1,000 Cash (Per Couple)
3rd Place	$500 Cash (Per Couple)

National Finalists:

1st Place	$10,000 Cash (Per Couple)
2nd Place	$5,000 Cash (Per Couple)
3rd Place	$2,500 Cash (Per Couple)

AIR FARE/HOTEL INFORMATION FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL FINALS.

Air fare and hotel accommodations will be provided for the 1st place club finalists to the host city to compete in their regional and national competitions. First place winners within approximately 100 miles of the regional/national contest destination will be required to drive to the regional/national event and will be allotted $50.00 gasoline allowance. Tickets, confirmations, travel itineraries, agendas, cashier's checks and detailed instructions will be mailed to winning couples upon confirmation of winning status.

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